



*J. Donne*

**THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL  
JOHN DONNE SOCIETY CONFERENCE  
16 – 18 FEBRUARY 2017**

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*Thursday, 16 February*

5:00–5:10 p.m.           **Words of Welcome** (Cook Room)

Welcome: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University  
Executive Director

Presiding: HEATHER DUBROW, Fordham University

5:10 –6:40 p.m.           **Session 1: Critical Approaches and  
Controversies (I): Rethinking Poetic  
Practices and Devices** (Cook Room)

Chair: TAMARA A. GOEGLIN, Franklin & Marshall College

“How to be Stupid: The Poetics of Progress in Donne’s *Second  
Anniversary*”

PIERS BROWN, Kenyon College

“‘So, if I now should utter this’: Donne and the Present  
Condition of Love”

RAYMOND-JEAN FRONTAIN, University of Central Arkansas

“‘In forgetting thou rememb’rest right’: Interaction and Agency  
in *The Songs and Sonnets*”

TESSIE PRAKAS, Scripps College

Respondent: COLLEEN RUTH ROSENFELD, Pomona College

7:30 – 8:30 p. m.           DINNER (Abell Room)

8:30 – 9:30 p.m.      **Special Event: Multimedia Donne**  
(Cook Room)

Convener: MEG LOTA BROWN, University of Arizona

Poems by KIMBERLY JOHNSON, Brigham Young University  
Music by NIGEL SMITH, Princeton University

*Friday, 17 February*

6:00 – 8:30 a.m.      BREAKFAST (O’Neal Lounge—Cook Hotel)

9:00 –10:30 a.m.      **Session 2: Donne in Dialogue (I): Donne**  
**and Contemporary Poetry** (Cook Room)

Chair and Respondent: JUDITH SCHERER HERZ, Concordia  
University

“*Per fretum febris*: The Diseased Body in John Donne and Brett  
Foster”

KIMBERLY JOHNSON, Brigham Young University

“Heaney, Donne, and the Boldness of Love”

SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

“Reading Donne, A Sentimental Journey”

JONATHAN F. S. POST, UCLA

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.      COFFEE BREAK (Cook Room)

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.      **Session 3: Critical Approaches and**  
**Controversies (II): New Interdisciplinary**  
**Approaches to Donne** (Cook Room)

Chair: ALISON BUMKE, Queens’ College, Cambridge

“Strange Friends and Battering Rams: John Donne’s Poetics of Estrangement”

ANTON BERGSTROM, Wilfrid Laurier University

“The Terror and Glory of Liminality: The Case of Donne”

JOAN FAUST, Southeastern Louisiana University

Respondent: HUGH GRADY, Arcadia University

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. LUNCH (Abell Room)

12:00 – 1:45 p.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
LUNCHEON (Shelton 1 Room)

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Session 4: Donne in Dialogue (II):  
Friends, Fans, Followers** (Cook Room)

Chair: BRETT DEFRIES, University of Iowa

“Stealth in Venice: Rowland Woodward at Wotton’s Embassy”  
DENNIS FLYNN, Independent Scholar

“How Unusual are the ‘Elegies upon the Author,’ and What  
More Can They Reveal?”

CHARLES ADAM GREEN, University of Birmingham

Respondent: MARLA LUNDERBERG, Hope College

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. COFFEE BREAK (Cook Room)

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. **Session 5: Keynote Address** (Cook Room)

Presiding: HEATHER DUBROW, Fordham University

Address: “Donne and Dylan”

NIGEL SMITH, Princeton University

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. RECEPTION (Hospitality Suite)

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. DINNER (Abell Room)

8:30 p.m. RECEPTION (Hospitality Suite)

\*Optional expedition for dinner and live music.\*

*Saturday, 18 February*

6:00 – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST (O’Neal Lounge—Cook Hotel)

9:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Session 6: Preaching and Praying**  
(Cook Room)

Chair: ROBERT REEDER, Providence College

“Prayer as Political Theory: Natural Law and Sovereignty in  
*Pseudo-Martyr* and the *Holy Sonnets*”

ANGELA BALLA, The University of Alabama in Huntsville

“Prayer and Contingency in *The Devotions upon Emergent  
Occasions*”

KATE NARVESON, Luther College

“Accessing God through Memory: Preaching and the Senses in  
Donne’s Sermons”

SONIA PERNET, Université de Lausanne

Respondent: SUSANNAH BRIETZ MONTA, University of Notre  
Dame

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.      COFFEE BREAK (Abell Room)

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.      **Session 7: Literary and Topographical Spaces** (Cook Room)

Chair: KADER HEGEDÜS, Université de Lausanne

“Love, Time, and Poetics: Shakespeare’s Sonnet 115 and  
Donne’s ‘Loves Growth’”

THERESA M. DIPASQUALE, Whitman College

“Earthly Knowledge: The Map Figure in the Sermons of John  
Donne”

ASA D. OLSON, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Respondent: CLAIRE FALCK, Rowan University

Noon – 1:30 p.m.      LUNCH (Abell Room)

12:30 p.m.      BUSINESS MEETING (DURING LUNCH)

Presiding: SEAN H. MCDOWELL, Seattle University

“The Present State and Possible Futures of Donne Digitized”

BRENT NELSON, University of Saskatchewan

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.      **Session 8: Presidential Address**  
(Cook Room)

Presiding: HEATHER DUBROW, Fordham University

“Donne’s Ocular Manoeuvres in the Dark”

KIRSTEN STIRLING, Université de Lausanne

3:00 – 3:30 p.m. COFFEE BREAK / ANTI-CONFERENCE BEGINS  
(Abell Room)

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Session 9: A Panel Discussion of “The  
Funeral”** (Cook Room)

Moderator: JUDITH ANDERSON, Indiana University

Panelists: TRACY MCLAWHORN, East Carolina University  
PAUL A. PARRISH, Texas A & M University  
MIRIAM JACOBSON, University of Georgia

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. RECEPTION (Hospitality Suite)

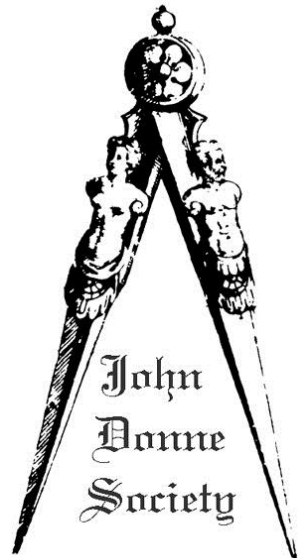
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. DINNER (Abell Room)

8:00 p.m. ANTI-CONFERENCE (Hospitality Suite)  
Festal Queen: JEANNE SHAMI, University of Regina

*Sunday, 19 February*

6:00 – 8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST

DEPARTURES





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